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PATENT APPLICATION

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Toshiaki AONO, et al.

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are all the claims pending in the application. No amendment has been made in this response.

A. Rejection of Claims 1-5, 9-19 and 21-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1-5, 9-19 and 21-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Japanese Patent Application No. JP 10-095942 to Kubodera ("Kubodera") in view of Japanese Patent Application No. JP 2001-181548 to Ishizuka et al. ("Ishizuka '548") and U.S. Patent No. 6,521,031 to Kimura et al. ("Kimura"). Applicants respectfully traverse.